

# LASSITER SEES NO DIFFICULTY

He Believes That Road Bond Act Will Be Held to Be Constitutional.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PETERSBURG, Va., January 20.—Senator Charles T. Lassiter was seen to-night by The Times-Dispatch correspondent, and was asked for his views relative to the opinion of Judge Whittle touching the validity of the road bond act. Senator Lassiter said: "I have examined a copy of the decision in the case of Eggeborn vs. the auditor of Culpeper county, and also the article in to-day's Times-Dispatch about Judge Whittle's query as to the constitutionality of the act of the Legislature of 1908."  
"It seems to me that, if the principle of construction is applied, which requires the court to construe a statute to be constitutional, if possible, or if it cannot be construed to be constitutional in whole, to favor its constitutionality in part, then there need be no very serious difficulty about the constitutionality of the act of 1908, on page No. 71 of the acts."

"While it is true that section No. 2 of this act provides that no voter shall be allowed to vote in an election who resides and is a voter in a town exempt from road tax, and section No. 7 of the act provides that such tax shall be levied on all property liable to State tax in such magisterial district, etc., can it not be construed by the courts that the property in an incorporated town, exempt by its charter from road taxes, is not such property in the magisterial district as is liable to State tax within the intendment of this law? Then there will be no hardship upon the voters in such a town, by reason of the fact that they are not permitted to vote in the election, and all parts of the act may stand if so construed."

"There are no incorporated towns in Dinwiddie county; consequently this question cannot affect the validity of the election of the board of supervisors on February 23 next in regard to the issue of \$100,000 worth of bonds."

**NEWPORT NEWS ENJOINED.**

**Court Rules That It Cannot Build Pest House in Adjoining County.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HAMPTON, Va., January 20.—In the Elizabeth City County Circuit Court this afternoon Judge B. D. White, of Princess Anne county, who presided for Judge Robinson, handed down an order restraining the city of Newport News from building a pesthouse on the site of the old city of Elizabeth City. The court permitted the city to construct an almshouse, but the order prevents a hospital being run in connection with the pesthouse. The decision is an important one. The board of supervisors of the county opposed the pesthouse and hospital on the grounds that the buildings are a menace to a community.

**WILL AWARD CONTRACT.**

**Norfolk and Southern to Have New Office Building in Norfolk.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., January 20.—The announcement is made that the receivers of the Norfolk and Southern will within the next week or ten days award the contract for the erection of a \$100,000 office building in Norfolk, and the relocation of the company's headquarters terminals. The office building will be five stories high, and of pressed brick. All of the general offices of the structure will be centered in the structure. The site is just in the rear of the custom house, and fronts on Water Street. It is expected that the structure will be ready by January 1, 1910.

**"PRIVILEGED" CLAIMS.**

**Special Master Approves Seventy-Five in Seaboard Air Line Litigation.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., January 20.—Special Master Hughes, in the Seaboard Air Line railway receivership litigation, at a final hearing here to-day prior to the closing of his testimony, has approved about seventy-five "privileged" claims, aggregating between \$200,000 and \$300,000. The special master fixed March 8th, at Richmond, as the date for hearing on the claims in question.

**Schooners in Collision.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., January 20.—The schooner Virginia, of this city, and the schooner more were towed into Norfolk to-day slightly damaged by being in collision yesterday off Hog Island. Neither ship was seriously injured. The Rulon's flying jibboom was carried away, and her cathead and rigging damaged. The Winsmore lost its cathead, anchor stock and sustained minor damage to her starboard rigging.

The Rulon, in command of Captain Cramer, was bound from New York to Norfolk, lightering at this city. She was more was loaded with lumber, and bound from Charleston to New York.

**Held for Corporation Court.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., January 20.—W. Murphy, a Queen Street saloon-keeper, was sent on to the Corporation Court to-day on the charge of feloniously assaulting Patrolman George Wolf and breaking his prison and escape. He was immediately released on bail of \$500 for his appearance. Patrolman Wolfe declared the assault unwarranted and without cause. Murphy declared that he did not assault the policeman, until after the latter had insulted him.

**Separated in Death.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., January 20.—The announcement is made that the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Carskaddon will be separated in death. Mrs. Carskaddon's remains being carried to New York City by her brothers for interment, and the body of Mr. Carskaddon being interred at South Bend, Ind., by his relatives. A number of the relatives of the couple are in the city arranging the details for the two funerals.

**Prices Rule Well.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, Va., January 20.—The sales of tobacco in Lynchburg to-day aggregated about 300,000 pounds, the prices ruling well. The market will be the trade active. The offerings continue to be largely of the better grades of the weed, and it is in good condition.

**If you but knew what harsh cathartics do, you'd always use Cascarets. Candy tablets, vegetable and mild. Yet just as effective as salts and calomel. Take one when you need it. Stop the trouble promptly. Never wait till night.**

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# DISPEPSIA COMMITTEE WILL WAIT ON SWANSON

Merchants and Supervisors Seek to Force Action of General Hospital Board.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, Va., January 20.—As the result of a conference here late to-day between a committee representing the Amherst County Supervisors and the Merchants and Supervisors of Lynchburg, a joint committee will go to Richmond Saturday to confer with Governor Swanson and induce him, if possible, to require the general hospital board to begin at once the erection of a proposed State epileptic colony in Amherst county, as provided for by statute.

The board, at a meeting here in December, decided to defer action until the General Assembly reconvened, presumably to ask authority to locate the institution outside of Amherst county. It is believed here that Governor Swanson will act in conformity to the wishes of the people of Lynchburg and Amherst county.

**TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.**

**Monroe Man Found Dead With Pistol Clutched in Hand.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, Va., January 20.—Calvin P. Gish, book-keeper for the Union Printing Company, committed suicide to-day at the home of his father, J. D. Gish, while in a lady of this city, while visiting in Bedford, where he was staying at the home of his parents. About 1 o'clock he became restless, and his father tried to persuade him to lie down. He would not, and went out the back door. A few minutes later his sister found him lying dead in the woodhouse, with blood pouring from a hole in his head at the ear, and a gun tightly clutched in his right hand.

Mr. Gish was a brakeman on the Norfolk and Western passenger trains, and five years ago fell from a train at Blue Ridge and fractured his skull and injured his spine. He had never been the same since that time.

**KILMER WAS DISIDENTENT.**

**Member of Prominent Family Kills Himself with Pistol.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WINCHESTER, Va., January 20.—Boyd T. Kilmer, member of a prominent Berkley county family, committed suicide early this morning at his home, five miles west of Martinsburg, by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. He is said to have been disident with his business matters. He was a son of W. H. Kilmer. He was thirty-two years old and leaves a widow and three children.

**Makes No Such Claim.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., January 20.—After having gone on rounds of the press a number of times that the Antiquity League of Masons of Montreal, Canada, possesses the Bible on which George Washington was sworn, a member of the lodge No. 4 of this city, which possesses the Bible on which Washington was entered, passed and raised, and also the records showing when he was given his degrees in this lodge and made a Mason, wrote to the Antiquity Lodge and asked for their authority for such a claim. It turned out that the Antiquity Lodge does not make the claim, but that it was made by some writer who was unauthorized in the use of the name of the lodge.

**Duke Is Acquitted.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SUFFOLK, Va., January 20.—A somewhat sensational case came up in Justice J. F. Beberry's court this afternoon, when James Duke, a well-known young Suffolk man, was tried and acquitted for the betrayal of Miss Sallie Wilkins.

During the argument of Judge R. H. Rawles, of the defense counsel, he was many times interrupted by the prosecution when his character was repeatedly assailed. Duke's defense was based on the previous character of Miss Wilkins.

**Official Roster Reorganized.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOYDTON, Va., January 20.—The Boydton Lumber and Manufacturing Company, located at this place, held a meeting yesterday afternoon, at which the company went into reorganization of its officers. Mr. Joel W. Wall had sent in his resignation as president, and Mr. Haskins Williams was elected in his place. Mr. Williams will act also as general manager, in place of Mr. M. P. Watkins, who, it is understood, has been ordered a better position at Virginia City.

The company is a son of Mr. C. N. Williams, of the banking firm of Williams & Goode.

**Overdose of Drug.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WAKEFIELD, Va., January 20.—As a result of an overdose of a drug, taken last Sunday to relieve toothache and neuralgia, Miss Ruth Williams, the home of her father, in this place, in a precarious condition. Four doctors, consulting with her, believe that she is applying every means in their power for her restoration. The fact that she holds out against repeated sinking, and gives hope that she may ultimately recover.

**Daughters Elect Officers.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., January 20.—The Daughters of the Confederacy of this city have elected the following officers: Mrs. J. N. Barney, president; Mrs. Charles Wallace and Mrs. George W. Shepherd, vice-presidents; Mrs. F. H. Harkins, corresponding secretary; Miss Sally M. Lacy, recording secretary; Miss Elizabeth Eckenrode, treasurer; Mrs. J. T. Goolrick, historian.

**Sells His Farm.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SPOTSVYLVANIA, Va., January 20.—H. L. Spotsylvania, who has sold his "Bell Vol" farm of 430 1-2 acres land, situated on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, to M. D. Dyer, of this city, for over a century has been in the possession and occupancy of the Yerby family, of Spotsylvania county.

**Anniversary Celebrated.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BOWLING GREEN, Va., January 20.—The anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee was celebrated here last night at the courthouse, under the auspices of the Bowling Green Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, recitations and speeches.

**Shops Are Closed.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
ROANOKE, Va., January 20.—The Roanoke shops of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company to-day closed down for a week. Only a small force employed on car building remains at work. About 1,600 men are made idle. The appropriation for the month, it is said, has already been used. The shops will resume work next week.

**Picture Is Presented.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CHARLOTTE, C. H., Va., January 20.—A. Carrington Chapter, U. D. C. No. 100, held its annual meeting at its rooms on yesterday. After the transaction of the usual routine business, officers were elected for the ensuing year. Most of the old officers were re-elected. An attractive program was presented in commemoration of the birthday of General R. E. Lee. Music was furnished by Miss Fannie Thornton on the piano, accompanied by Prof. D. W. Reid, of the High School, on behalf of John W. Davis, adjutant of the 4th Cavalry Regiment, Confederate Veterans, presented the chapter a handsome picture of the last meeting of Jackson and Lee.

**Going as Citizens.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, Va., January 20.—The Norfolk and Western Railway Company has decided to attend the inauguration of President-Elect Taft, but as a civilian body, taking no part in the inaugural parade.

# News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., January 20.—

Thomas Smith, a negro fugitive, if caught, may have to stand trial for murder. On Saturday night last, apparently without provocation, in a house near the New Market, he stabbed Moses Wynne, another negro, about twenty-one years of age, in the breast. Moses fell from the shock, and stated, when he revived, that he had said nothing to Smith but to greet him as an acquaintance. His wound was probed and dressed, and was not thought to be serious. Wynne went to his home in Prince George county the next day, and last night he died. It is thought he may have lacked proper attention at his home, and that complications resulted, causing his death. Smith, his assailant, fled immediately after inflicting the stab wound, and has not since been heard from.

**Married in Richmond.**

Miss Bernice Slaughter, daughter of Mr. D. T. Slaughter, and Mr. William I. Wheary, both of this city, were married in Richmond at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Rev. Dr. R. A. Goodwin, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the officiating minister, in the presence of a number of friends. Among those who accompanied the couple and were attendants at the marriage were Miss Ethel Beasley and Mr. Samuels. A lady of this city, the bride, is a lady of many accomplishments, attractive personality, and has a host of friends in Petersburg. The bridegroom is widely and popularly known in the city and in Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Wheary will be at home in West Washington Street on January 25th.

**Election of Directors.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Gill & Hoy Company, incorporated, clothing merchants, of this city, was held last night, and the following board of directors was elected: Joseph W. Seward, H. F. Munt, William E. Poole, James H. Gray, J. W. Brown, R. E. Gill and J. P. Hoy. A meeting of the directors will be held later, at which officers of the corporation will be elected.

Rev. Dr. J. M. McBryde, professor of English at the Sweetbrier College, will deliver a lecture in the assembly hall of the D. M. Brown Memorial School, on Wythe Street, on Wednesday evening, January 27th. His subject will be "The Appreciation of Poetry." Attractive music will be furnished by the High School chorus. The lecture will be delivered before the Teachers' Association, and all who appreciate poetry.

Dr. McBryde will lecture in Richmond on Monday evening next on a different subject.

**Person and Otherwise.**

Mr. J. M. Panell and bride (nee Walke) have returned to the city from their bridal trip. Mr. Panell is Petersburg's genial and popular real estate auctioneer, with a host of friends to extend congratulations and good wishes.

Miss Mary Dunn, a noble-hearted lady, is very ill at her residence on Hinton Street.

Tobacco and peanuts are arriving very freely. The offerings of tobacco at all of the warehouses to-day are the largest of the new year, and some high prices were obtained. There was quite a large movement of peanuts to-day on a basis of 95 cents per bushel for Spanish.

Master Forrest Aiken, a youth of twelve or thirteen years, who was recently wounded by the accidental discharge of a trap set to alarm trespassers on the premises of Mr. DeJarnette, on Grove Avenue, has developed lockjaw at the Petersburg Hospital, where he is a patient.

**The Best Yet.**

The banquet given last night by A. P. Hill Camp in honor of General Lee's birthday, and the speeches made there are said to have been the best of the annual series. There was a large attendance of veterans and invited guests, and many ladies graced the occasion by their presence. Captain Carter R. Bishop presided and was happy as toastmaster. No wines or liquors were used. Judge Samuel W. Williams opened the speaking in a brief and eloquent address. The Rev. G. B. Cooke followed with interesting recollections of the siege of Petersburg. Mr. Edwin L. Quarles read a beautiful original poem, appropriate to the occasion. The Rev. Dr. Landon R. Mason, of Richmond, spoke on General Lee, and Mr. James W. Anderson, of Springfield, Mass., and Colonel John W. Grim, of Pennsylvania, Union veterans, spoke in happy strains. It was late before the festivities ended.

**Fire in Nottoway.**

The passenger and freight depot of the Norfolk and Western Railway at Nottoway was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. The two apartments were in one building. The fire is said to have caught on the roof from some accidental cause, and there were no adequate facilities for fighting the flames. All of the freight and baggage and other property was safely removed. The building was insured, and a new station will be erected. The station was one of the newest on this section of the road.

**GRAHAM-LEE CELEBRATION.**

Attractive Program Is Rendered by United Literary Society.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LEXINGTON, Va., January 20.—The centennial celebration of the Graham-Lee Literary Society of Washington and Lee University was held last night in the Memorial Chapel. The presence of the young ladies of the Southern Seminary, at Buena Vista, chaperoned by Dr. E. H. Rowe, the president of the seminary, added interest to the occasion.

The orators with their subjects were: Messrs. C. E. Burks, "The Supremacy of Law," S. D. Ware, "The New Nation."

The debate was: "Resolved, That the Congress of the United States should adopt President Roosevelt's naval policy." The speakers were: Affirmative, Messrs. D. W. Earman and J. W. Eggleston; negative, W. T. Delaplaine and S. F. Landreth.

The committee of judges, composed of Hon. Aubrey E. Strode, State Senator from Amherst county; Dr. E. H. Rowe, of Buena Vista; Dr. Charles Manly, Messrs. Frank Moore and William K. Kennedy, awarded the oratorical medal to Mr. Burks and the debater's medal to Mr. Landreth. Mr. Strode delivered the medals.

The officers of the celebration were: Messrs. J. H. Price, president; F. P. Guthrie, vice-president; B. C. Moomaw, secretary, and R. S. Keebler, chief marshal.

The Graham Society was organized in 1899, and named in honor of Rev. William Graham, the father of the institution. After General R. E. Lee became its president, his name was added to the society, and its celebrations held on the 19th of January.

**NEWPORT NEWS TO YORKTOWN.**

Prospects Now Bright That Road Will Be Built.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
HAMPTON, Va., January 20.—Col. J. H. Hobart, of Cincinnati, and John Graham, of Chicago, representing capitalists, are here looking into the proposition to build a railroad from Newport News to Yorktown. It is proposed to construct a gasoline system, of labor and printing from \$1,500 to \$2,000, the State Librarian, Captain M. O. Sherrill, asks that his salary be also increased to \$2,000. The bill was introduced by Senator Elliott.

The commissioner of labor and printing has taken a determined stand to bring the House round to the point of giving him the \$2,500 salary that was voted by the Senate when that bill comes up again in the House for final action.

Bills bearing on the labor situation in this State are still coming in. Representative Sparrow is the author of a bill for shortening a week's work from sixty-six hours, as at present, to fifty-four.

**Stockholders Meet.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, N. C., January 20.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, of this city, was held in the banking house this morning, presided over by the manager, and showing the present condition of the bank and a review of the business handled during the past year made a most satisfactory showing for this institution. The regular semi-annual dividend of 10 per cent was declared. The following directors were re-elected: J. L. Fowle, C. M. Brown, D. M. Carter, W. E. Swindell, J. F. Fowle, W. H. Whitley, W. E. Proctor and A. M. Dumay, and the following officers were then elected by the stockholders: J. L. Fowle, president; C. M. Brown, vice-president; A. M. Dumay, cashier; L. A. Squires, assistant cashier; S. C. Pegram, messenger, and Miss Shaw, clerk and stenographer.

**Attends Boston Reunion.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WASHINGTON, N. C., January 20.—Dr. J. M. Gallagher, of this city, is attending the annual reunion of the Forty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment, which met this week in Boston. This regiment was quartered in this city for a period during the Civil War, and recently representatives of the organization were at Newbern to attend the unveiling of a monument to the dead in the Federal Cemetery of that city. On the return trip they stopped a few days in this city, at which time they were the recipients of many courtesies from Dr. Gallagher, and hence this invitation to attend the reunion and annual banquet, at which he is now a guest of honor.

**Pastors Form Union.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SPENCER, N. C., January 20.—A meeting of the pastors within the bounds of the South River Baptist Association was held in Spencer yesterday, when a new organization, known as the Pastors' Union, was effected, with Rev. N. Stallings, of Spencer, president, and Rev. R. M. Motley, of Spencer, as secretary. The newly organized body will meet again at an early date and perfect arrangements for the annual meeting of the South River Association. A number of pastors from other churches were in Spencer yesterday.

**Thrown from Buggy.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
WELDON, N. C., January 20.—Mrs. W. T. Parker met with a serious accident while out driving this afternoon. She was thrown from her buggy, and was injured by her husband and little son. The horse ran away, throwing the occupants from the buggy. Mrs. Parker fell underneath the hoofs of the animal and was trampled upon. She was formerly Miss Mattie Foreman, of Portsmouth, Va.

**Night Classes Start.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SPENCER, N. C., January 20.—Fifteen young men, employees of the Southern Railway Company, were enrolled in night classes at the Young Men's Christian Association here last night, when the educational work of the association was begun. A class in English will be in charge of Professor I. C. Griffin, of the Salisbury Graded Schools, and a class in mathematics will be taught by Professor W. G. Casswell, superintendent of the Spencer schools. Much interest is being taken in the inauguration of the night classes among the railroad men.

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